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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH GA: FINLAND

1. JAPANESE MINISTER OHTAKA INFORMS US THAT THAI AMB ANAND ON OCTOBER 3 DISCUSSED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WITH FINNISH PERM REP KARHILO. KARHILO'S ONLY RESPONSE WAS TO SAY THAT FINLAND WOULD LIKE TO BE AS NEUTRAL AS POSSIBLE.

2. ON MORNING OCTOBER 4, FINNISH COUNSELOR TALVITIE APPROACHED MISOFF, IN APPARENT IGNORANCE OF EXISTENCE OF FRIENDLY DRAFT, TO ASK ABOUT PRACTICAL IMPACT OF ADOPTION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION. ALTHOUGH TALVITIE APPARENTLY WAS PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN UN ACTIONS THAT MIGHT FOLLOW ADOPTION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, MISOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERLINE STRONG USG OPPOSITION TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON GROUNDS BOTH OF ITS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PEACEFUL CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT AND OF ITS DAMAGING PRECEDENT FOR UN INVOLVEMENT IN MEMBER STATE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE DESCRIBED FOR HIM IN GENERAL TERMS FRIENDLY DRAFT AND STRESSED OUR VIEW THAT THIS WOULD REPRESENT CONSTRUCTIVE GA POSITION.

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3. TALVITIE PREDICTABLY REHEARSED FINNS' TRADITIONAL

POSITION OF ABSTENTION ON SUCH ISSUES. WE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS EFFORT TO SEAT SIHANOUK WAS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO ASIANS AND TO OURSELVES THAT WE WOULD BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR HELSINKI TO RETHINK ITS TRADITIONAL ABSTENTION. TALVITIE CHARACTERISTICALLY SAID HE HOPED TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH US ON THIS QUESTION. WE MADE CLEAR THAT HIS MISSION AND HIS CAPITAL SHOULD EXPECT USG, ON ISSUE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE, TO BE TAKING FURTHER INITIATIVES TO ENSURE FINNS FULLY UNDERSTAND IMPLICATIONS OF ISSUE AND IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO IT.
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